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TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate Southeasterly winds, overcast with coastal fog, patches of drizzle or light rain.
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SPARRY CONTINUES HIS EVIDENCE

Eggs Stand On End Today

Today is the half way mark between the Winter Solstice and the Vernal Equinox. To the Chinese, it marks the beginning of Spring, and farmers have always started to plant their spring crops on this day.

The Advent of Spring is an important day in the Chinese lunar calendar. It is known as Lih Chun (Lap Chun in Cantonese).

On this day, the favorite sport among the Chinese is standing eggs on end. This phenomenon was first recorded in an ancient Chinese book of wisdom, which stated that eggs placed on the ground on this day would stand on end without effort either end.

This trick, tried in Chungking during the war years, received international publicity. It has been tried by many in Hongkong since, with remarkable success.

The best time for the performance, according to the book of wisdom, is 11.45 tonight, which is said to be the exact time of the birth of Spring.

Daily Worker Editor Dead

London, Feb. 3.—William Rust, Editor of the Communist Daily Worker, died today after collapsing at a Communist Party meeting in London.

He was taken to hospital, where it was stated he had a stroke. He had two further strokes after reaching the hospital.

Rust, who was 45, had been editor of the Daily Worker since it was launched in January 1930.

Rust was tonight to have attended a meeting of the Central London branch of the British National Union of Journalists to explain a Daily Worker editorial entitled "Dunhill Ethics", which was regarded as reflecting on the integrity of fellow members of the Union.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Breaking Old Bonds

In view of her experience in the Second World War it is not unnatural that Norway is showing more concern over her future security than the other Scandinavian countries. Her interest in the Atlantic Defence Pact brought forth a request from the Soviet Union for an explanation of her attitude. The Norwegian reply, though diplomatically phrased, could not disguise the fact that, having failed to reach agreement with Denmark and Sweden in their recent talks, Norway feels bound to look further afield for her protection. That the Nordic talks were unproductive is not surprising. The last war struck a hard blow at the traditional conception of Scandinavian neutrality, but the Scandinavian countries did not all suffer to the same degree. Finland, Norway and Denmark found successively that their desire for peace was not enough to keep them safely outside a spreading world conflict. Sweden was, more fortunate; the tide of war, though it sometimes lapped dangerously close, flowed round her. A third world war would see no change in the Scandinavian desire for neutrality. But Sweden is alone in her confidence that it could be achieved. This is the stumbling block to a Nordic agreement, and efforts to work out a compromise military policy have consistently failed. Sweden's argument in the recent talks was that participation in the Atlantic Pact would mean the establishment of American bases in Scandinavia—and thus the end of all hopes of neutrality. Norway, realistically, held that owing to their geographical position the Scandinavian coun-

Austin Sparry, 50, electrical inspector grade I, on trial with Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman, on eleven charges of theft by public servant, obtaining money by false pretences and conspiracy to defraud the Government of money, continued evidence in his own defence before Mr Justice Reynolds and a jury of four men and three women at the Criminal Sessions this morning. The hearing so far has lasted exactly one month. Sparry is defended by Mr V. J. L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths.

Kwok, who yesterday made a statement from the dock to the jury, is defended by Mr Percy Chen and Mr Y. K. Mok, instructed by Mr C. A. S. Russ.

Resuming in the witness-box this morning, Sparry was asked by his counsel about the two lamp shades installed at 228, Nathan Road, Kowloon, and replied that he had arranged the flat for Mrs Wheeler. There previously were two fluorescent lights, one in the dining room and the other in the drawing room, both of the open type. Mrs Wheeler did not like these lights and so he took them down and handed them in to the Hunghom workshop with instructions that they could be used on any work.

Mr D'Alton: Now we go on to this matter of the work done at the CPA premises which you heard quite a lot of in this Court. There is an allegation that you visited the premises at the time when that work was going on. Now, can you explain that visit? It was said that you were there with Kwok. How did that happen? If it did happen?

Sparry replied that on one Saturday morning when he had leave from the office he was working on an old aeroplane float in his garden. The float was riddled with bullet holes and he wanted to convert it into an outboard motorboat for swimming. He needed some aluminium sheeting and walked to Kwok's office and asked him if it was possible to get any from Kai Tak. Kwok replied that it was all they were breaking up a lot of old planes in the former Flycatcher area, which the CPA had taken over. Kwok accompanied him in the car and they went to the site.

CASUAL GREETING

On alighting from the car, said Sparry, he had a rough glance around, but there did not appear to be any plane material there. He mentioned this to Kwok who replied that there

was some on the other side of the aerodrome but he would have to go after 5 p.m. to get it.

On hearing this, said Sparry, he thought he would speak to a European. They walked into the first hut and looked round and then Mr Harris walked up. They had a casual greeting and, said Sparry, he got into conversation with Harris about the Macao air service and the possibility of getting an air passage for his daughter from Australia.

Sparry added that he refrained from discussing the sheeting in view of what Kwok had said that they would have to get it after 5 o'clock.

Mr D'Alton: While you were in this hut with Harris and Kwok did Harris say anything to you or did you say anything to Harris about my contracting work?

Sparry: No, nothing was mentioned.

Did Harris say anything to Kwok in your presence?—No. When we entered through the hut Kwok was walking in the rear and was not in the conversation between Harris and myself.

Did you observe any rewiring work going on?—There was a workshop with people working on bicycles.

Did you see if Kwok spoke to anybody?—I did not notice.

Is that the only occasion on which you visited the CPA premises?—The only other occasion I visited the premises was with yourself since the case started.

INSPECTED SEARCHLIGHTS

Relying further, Sparry said that after leaving the hut he went with Kwok across the airstrip and inspected the Government-installed cloud range searchlights and the airstrip searchlight.

Mr D'Alton: With regard to the antecedents of this job at the CPA, that is the quonset hut alleged to have been rewired. You heard Rowe's evidence in this Court: did you meet Mr Rowe at all?

Sparry: Yes, but I did not know his name. The China, Light and Power service was being laid right through the aerodrome to the Government administrative section for which the Government were paying.

I bad instructions from the Chief Electrical Engineer that these huts which were along the route, were being connected up and there was the question of the huts getting connected from a cable service the Government was paying for without their paying their share.

Did you have anything to do with the matter after that?—No.

Did you know if anything had been done?—I never went back to that hut. I passed it frequently as it was next to the road occasionally, not frequently.

Did you ever meet Rowe again or have any further conversation with him?—I have no recollection. I passed by there and saw him but I never spoke to him. I had no further conversation with him.

You have heard the evidence of one witness who said that he rang me up about some three-phase wire for the quonset hut—I have no recollection and nobody phoned me up for three-phase wire.

Did you give any instructions about any such three-phase wire?—I positively deny that.

REFERRED TO KWOK

Now, what is your recollection about the next thing that happened in regard to that CPA business? Did anyone ring you up?—Somebody did ring me up but I don't know the

Last Days Of A Statue



Workmen are now busy demolishing the Queen Victoria memorial in Statue Square, and, as this picture illustrates, they are about halfway through the job.—Staff Photographer.

Reds' 'Come On' Sign To Peace Mission

Shanghai, Feb. 4.—Shanghai's five-man People's Peace Mission, appointed personally by President Li Tsung-jen, has received a favourable reply from the Communists welcoming them to North China, according to the China Press this morning.

There is no confirmation yet from other sources. The mission report added that it is scheduled to fly to Peiping on Sunday in a special Government plane named "Tsuiyun". (Chasing Clouds).

The mission will seek to arrange for the holding of overall peace talks between the Government and the Communists at an early date.

Dr W. W. Yan, the 73-year-old veteran diplomat who has been identified with most of the outstanding events of the Republic and who is leader of the mission, had a two-hour talk last night with Mr Kan Chia-hou, the personal representative of President Li Tsung-jen, and other members of the peace delegation on the programme which they will take up with the Communist leaders upon their arrival in Peiping.

The decisions of the meeting, which are as yet not known, will be carried to President Li Tsung-jen in Nanking by Mr Kan.

Dr Yan and his mission will approach the Communist leaders as "individual citizens" and not as representatives of the Government or people, it is learned.—Reuter.

SUN FO RETURNING

Nanking, Feb. 4.—The Premier, Dr Sun Fo, confirmed last night that he would return to Nanking in telegram he sent to Mr Yu Yu-en, President of the Control Yuan, and Mr Tung Kuan-sien, the President of the Legislative Yuan.

The two Yuan presidents earlier sent Dr Sun Fo messages urging the National Government to return to Nanking from Canton. Dr Sun Fo said in his telegram that the decision to move the Cabinet to Canton had been formally taken by the Cabinet itself and he could not alter it.

He had every intention of coming back to Nanking whenever it was necessary in fulfillment of his official duties.—Reuter-AAP.

CHANG'S RELEASE

Nanking, Feb. 4.—President Li Tsung-jen last night ordered one of his closest advisers to fly to Taiwan on Friday to secure the release from detention of the Young Marshal, Chang Hsueh-liang.

The release of the Young Marshal, who was involved in the Sian Incident in 1936, when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was kidnapped, was ordered concurrently with the Presidential decree giving freedom to all political prisoners.

This ultimatum was given to the Egyptians through the acting UN mediator, Dr Ralph Bunche, by the Israeli delegates to the Rhodes talks.

An official spokesman said the Burma Navy frigate, Mayu, had been sent to Bussan, earlier reported to have been recaptured by the Government on Sunday, where the Karen rebels were reported to be offering stiff resistance.—Reuter.

ISRAEL SAYS NO MORE CONCESSIONS

TONS OF RICE LOST

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Press reports said today that

Karen forced open Insein Gaol

claimed to be the second largest

in the world—and shot down several

prisoners. Prison Department

officials here were unable to confirm

this report as communications with

Insein have been cut.

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Tonight's Government communiqué

said that the Karen had occupied the

railway town of Pengwan, Central

Burma, 120 miles north of Rangoon.

It did not mention the fighting at

Toungoo and Pyu on the railway

north from Rangoon to Mandalay,

but said the Karen still held these

two towns.

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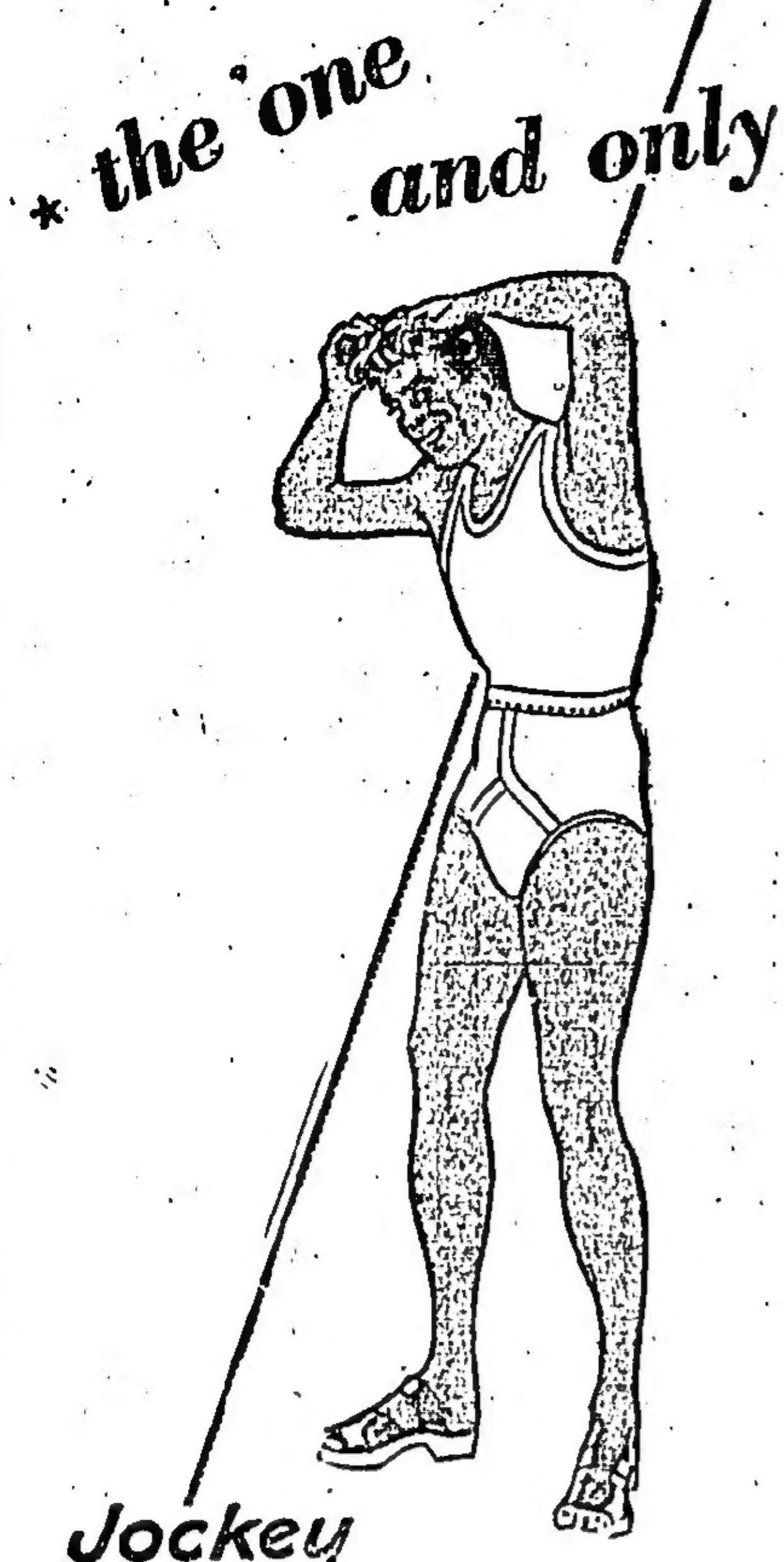
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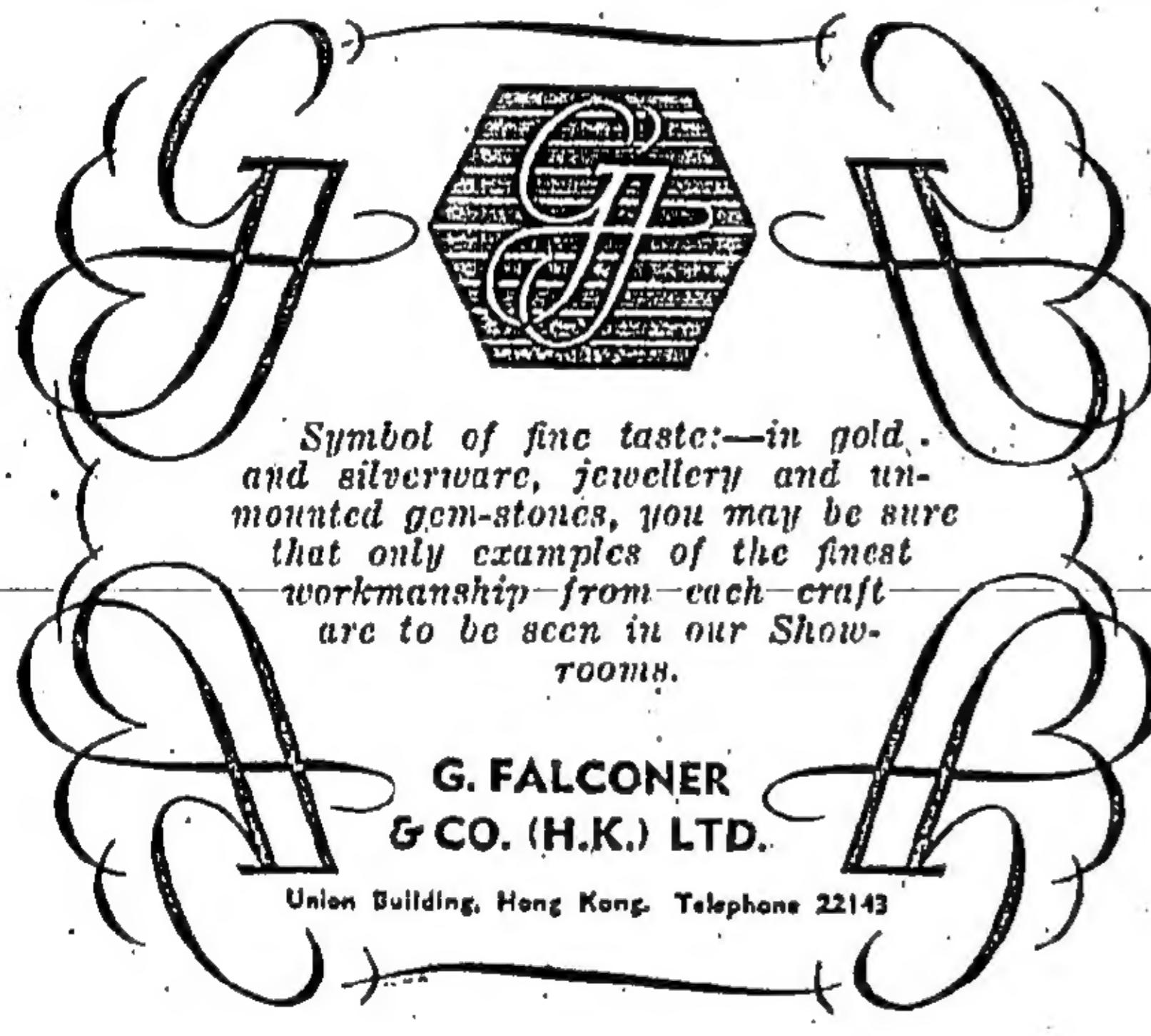
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Mark out the border areas with small white sticks so that you can see where to dig—and double-dig as soon as you can.

Add coarse grit, straw manure and old plant tops to the lower soil on clay. Add leafmould, heavy cow or pig manure and chalk to sandy soils. Add any kind of decaying animal or vegetable matter to chalky soils.

AFTER ALL THE frills, the fuss and the feathers, it is nice and refreshing, to see a pretty hat made

even prettier by a crisp ribbon bow. There are many important details in this smart little Vilar hat chosen by Doris Day of the movies. First it is the advance guard of the simple sailor, due for promotion in the spring. Then it is of gray velvet to contrast with the silver striped ribbon bow. The crown band is swathed in net.

Begin Now!
By RICHARD SUDELL

THOSE who have settled in a new house are fortunate, for this is the best of all times to begin garden making. And it pays to begin now, instead of waiting until the spring.

First steps are much the same, whether the garden is to be permanent, or more or less temporary as with many pre-fabs. You need—if it is not already provided—a good clean pathway from the front and any other doorways, and it is as well to make this straight from door to pavement, for it does away with "short cuts."

Keep the design simple, if the plot is small. Try, if possible, to have a small-grass plot for summer use. And arrange for some kind of screen if you want privacy.

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**WOMANSENSE****Try Out This "Sammy Spivens" Method With Your Child—**

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

I AM intrigued with the new approach to character education devised and demonstrated by Mrs Dorothy Waldo Phillips, of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania.

According to her plan, the child instead of the adult gives moral instruction. He is the teacher. He teaches Sammy Spivens, a little puppet who has many ugly ways and habits with which every child is familiar or may have himself—such as rubbing his nose with his bare hands, snooping into a person's purse or pocket, showing off.

The Puppet

Mrs Phillips operates the puppet. He appears before groups of children, 20 to 200 in a group, from the kindergarten to the 8th grade. The programme varies somewhat according to the average age of each group. In the course of a year he appears before an aggregate of about half a million children throughout the United States.

Mrs Phillips has the extraordinary art of winning the complete confidence of the children. She begins by telling of a few naughty habits she had when she was very young (she calls such bad habits "weeds"). This makes practically every child ready to volunteer confession of a "weed" of his own and may cause him to feel he is as good as she was, or better.

Pulling The Weed

Then, after Mrs Phillips demonstrates with Sammy a weed of his, many children are eager to tell Sammy, one at a time, how to pull out this "weed" and put a "flower" in its place. The child goes up to Sammy and, in persuasive or authoritative words or tones rebukes him, tells him why his way is naughty and what he should do about it. Perhaps the child will shake his finger at Sammy, looking right into his eyes. I once heard a girl, ten, lecturing Sammy for being "sassy" to his mother. "See here,

Sammy you mustn't sass your mother. In the first place she had you, and then see all the things she does for you. Stop it!"

It is a very serious matter to the children. Often the most timid child thus condemns and advises Sammy, speaking confidently in tones all the other children can easily hear. Only undiscerning adults will over smile or laugh then. Children don't.

A teacher who listens and observes the programme often is amazed at the perfect relationship between Mrs Phillips and the children, at the ease and forcefulness of expression of many of the children from whom the teacher had never expected such expression, and at her own deepening insight into many of these children. Teachers also discover that the child who himself has the same "weed" Sammy has, may be the first to want to tell Sammy how to get rid of it, all the while suggesting to himself how his wife do likewise and, by implication, announcing to the other children his resolve. Just imagine the curative values possible.

"Sammy Spivens"

Before Mrs Phillips leaves a group of children, she asks them to write to Sammy, giving him advice. And they do, thousands of them. Mrs Phillips has allowed Mrs Myers and me to read many of these letters. This is a rare privilege that enriches our understanding of children. And some of these letters have appeared in one of the children's magazines as part of a serialized feature on "Sammy Spivens."

I have seen Mrs Phillips and Sammy with children of various age levels and heard her explain her philosophy and procedure to parents and educators. Never have I seen or heard of any plan or procedure comparable to this method of motivating right ideals and behaviour in children. Indeed, I consider "Sammy Spivens" a milestone in character education.

Lady, Take A Bow

By ALICE ALDEN

THE CROONER EXPOUNDS ON SONG-APPEAL

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD — Frank Sinatra, who has crooned hundreds of sentimental ditties, would turn off the radio if he had to listen to some of his own.

"Some of the songs I have to sing are pretty terrible," he admitted frankly. "I wouldn't have them on my own hit parade."

There are others he thinks wonderful and which nobody can resist. "Everybody has a different reason for liking tunes," Sinatra said. "Your favourite song usually reminds you of a happy experience, and the same songs don't appeal to everyone."

Sinatra's favourites change from month to month.

Sang It For Major Bowes

"Night and Day" helped me get my first professional break," he said. "I sang it when I auditioned for the late Major Bowes."

No. 2. "I'll Never Smile Again." His record of that with Tommy Dorsey's band brought him his first fame.

No. 3. "That Old Black Magic." That's the first one the hobbyboxers swooned to.

No. 4. "But Beautiful." Wonderful lyrics, says Sinatra.

No. 5. "You'll Never Walk Alone."

No. 6. "Soliloquy," from the musical "Carousel."

"It tells exactly how I felt before the births of my children," Sinatra said.

No. 7. "Nancy With the Laughing Face," written for and about seven-year-old Nancy Sinatra.

No. 8. "This Love of Mine," the only song Sinatra has written.

No. 9. "Brassis' Lullaby." It's the number one bedtime request.

No. 10. "You Remind Me of the Girl Who Went to School With Me."

"My father taught it to me," Sinatra said, "and I used to serenade my wife with it and a ukulele."

Be Fastidious At All Times

Courtesy Marie Evans
Be sure to take along a good deodorant when you travel. A cream type is especially recommended because it's easily packed.

By HELEN FOLLETT

PROTECTING against the baneful B.O. is not just a summer responsibility, but an all-the-year-round duty. The sweater season is here and the excretions of the sweat glands cling to woolen garments. Any girl who suffers from this affliction need not be surprised if she is side-stepped socially. And there is no sense bearing with it. It is the exceptional case that cannot be corrected by a rousing scrubbing in the tub every day, fresh undies and the use of a deodorant.

Any physician will tell the victim of this trouble that closing the pores in the arm pits will have no bad effect upon the health; there are millions of other pores to carry on the work of elimination and they will take over.

On cosmetic counters there are remedies in various forms, liquids, powders and creams. A new offer-

ing is in a convenient and attractive form. It is a dependable, packable tube containing a cream that can be conveniently applied to the flesh in half a jiffy. It is unbreakable; you can tuck it away with your other good-looking props.

Nervousness will stimulate the sweat glands. Girls and women who are tense and emotional are often bothered with moist skin.

"And what?" asks the jumpy nervous lady, "will cure my jitters?" The answer is found in mental hygiene, plus a well-organized life. One must slow up, avoid excitement as much as one can, have periods of rest when one can talk things over with oneself. Worry upsets the nervous system, starts all the bells to jangling.

The doctor will order less work or social activities, more sleep, a certain amount of out-door exercise every day.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

New Ways to Use Sausages

"THE sausage is a very popular food," remarked the Chef. "I have here 2 pounds of the link sausage with eight to the pound. And I also bought 2 pounds of sausages. What are your suggestions, Madame?"

"Personally, I like sausage however it's cooked. Let's work out some new ways to combine a pound of sausages with lower priced foods to make a fine substantial dish. Of course, sausage is quite an expensive meat when you count the fat that cooks out, about 4 ounces to a pound."

"But Madame, the fat need not be wasted. I never cook my sausages at too high a heat; therefore the fat will not burn and it can be used for frying potatoes, or other vegetables, or cornmeal mush or hominy."

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such cases, there is, at first, an overgrowth of the covering membrane of the tongue just behind the tip. As the condition continues, there may be wasting of the tissues within the membrane so that the tongue becomes completely smooth. The disorder may progress slowly or rapidly, so that smooth tongue may develop within a few weeks or only after many months.

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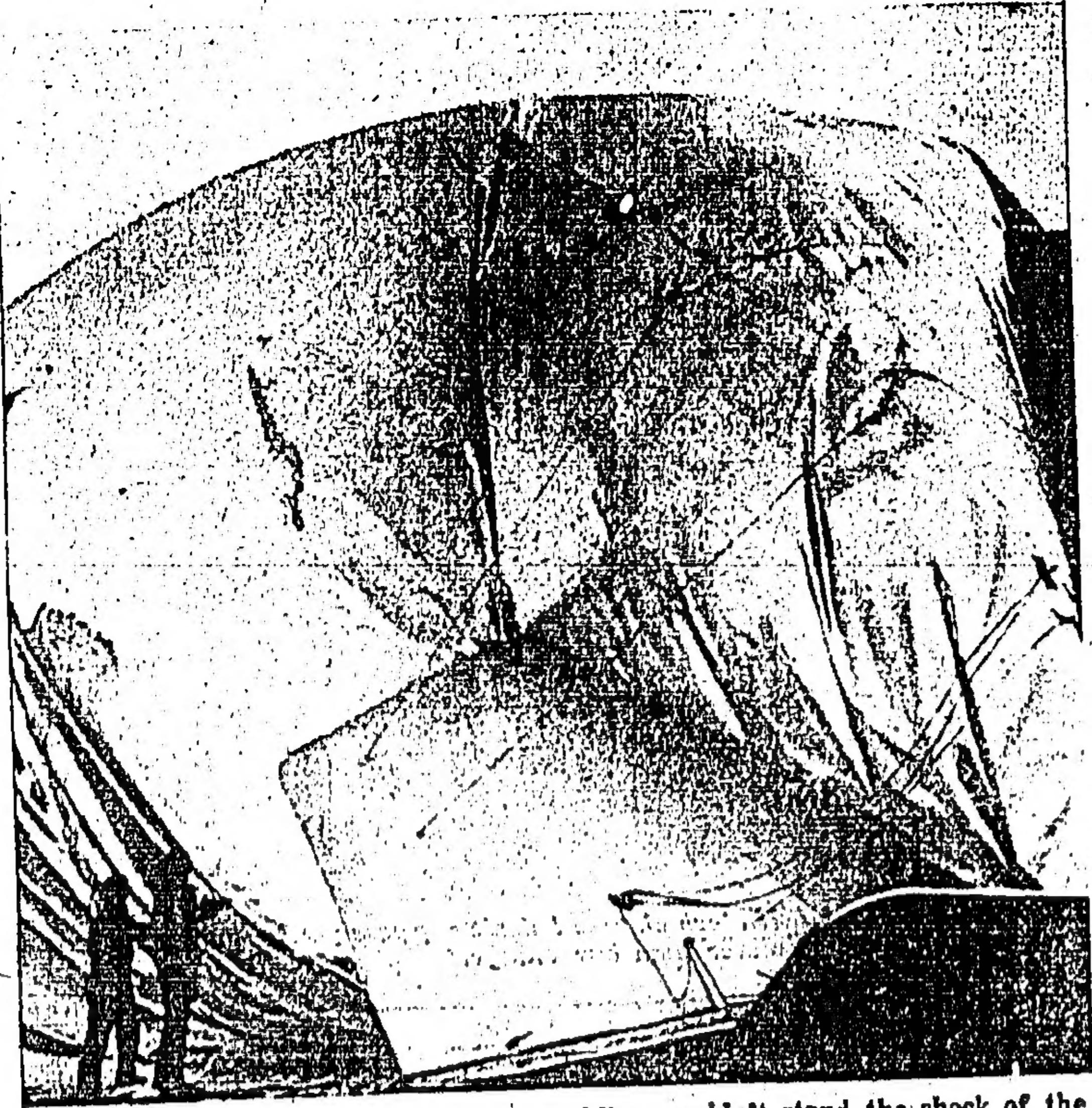
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



BIG BLIMP WENT BOOM!—This huge blimp couldn't stand the shock of the unusual snow and ice storm which recently swept over southern California. It plummeted down over Los Angeles. Here, field workers examine the coat of ice on the collapsed bag.



PROXY MOM—Elizabeth Mornillon, (right) nine, had a big job on her hands when she played proxy mother to her baby sister, Jacqueline, 20 months, all the way from Paris to New York. The two young travellers made the trip alone, on their way to join their parents in Port Washington, New York.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS—Eager children and an aged couple crowd around the toy shop of an enterprising Berliner, who, unhampered by the lack of mortar, just piled some bricks together and set up his toy business.



KID'S DELIGHT?—Surrealism has come to the toy industry. This "toy" shown in Milan, Italy, puzzled everyone including the children. It features a goat's skull, tailor's dummy, scarf and army badge!



RUNNING INTERFERENCE—Super salesmen in Germany's black market make it tough for the pedestrians walking past Potsdamer Platz, where the American, British and Russian sectors join in Berlin. It takes lots of will-power to resist those luxurious little items, but it takes even more in money if you decide to buy.



ONCE OVER LIGHTLY—Attendant Ray Strippy has a dream of a job—and gets paid for it, too! All day long, he does nothing but spray beauties like the one above with sun lotion before they go for a dip at Miami Beach, Florida.



HOLD THAT LINE!—Droopy napkins are a thing of the past, according to demonstrators at a national napkin convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. But nine-month-old Charles Schrodt looks pleased with things just as they are.



FLYING CAR—Flown from England to New York, this car gets a careful going over from a keen-eyed miss at LaGuardia Field before it continues its flight to Dallas, Texas. The car will be displayed there to show what Britain is producing in its post-war export drive.

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William Hickey

WELL within the opening week of the New Year the cynical student of affairs can now relax, assured that 1949 will be no less inconsequential, eccentric, and unpredictable than 1948.

The earliest omen—and clearly a new world record—came from the very heart of Empire.

It was the first time in history that a plumber had reeked Keats from the top of the Eros statue in Piccadilly Circus to a luncheon audience of thousands on a damp Monday in January.

SINCE

One hundred and fifty scientists have met in Whitehall to discuss THE SAUSAGE, its history, its structure, its bursting point—and its deficiencies.

Dr H. P. BLUNT—the most self-consciously witty in an assembly fully conscious of its wit—said, "The sausage is the epitome of life because you don't know what's in it until you've been through it." (Loud laughter.)

And ten minutes later he announced that Oxford sausages appeared in the 17th century—some lengths ahead of Cambridge." (Still louder laughter.)

Mr. BEVERLEY NICHOLS has just seen out his new installment of autobiography, "All I Could Never Be," in which the following splendid philosophy appears:

"I said to myself: 'Perhaps, because one has lived, some dog has found a home, bird has been set free, some kitten has been stroked.' It was not much, but it was better than nothing at all."

A PITY Mr Nichols missed the Royal Academy lunch where visitors who came in to see the pictures were told: "We have a four-legged Freeman of the City of London among those present."

It turned out to be BLACK KNIGHT*, pet sleeve-dog of LADY MUNNINGS, wife of Sir ALFRED MUNNINGS, the Royal Academy President. Someone's coy sense of humour made him a Freeman at the Guildhall in 1947.

Black Knight was the only silent critic of the Chantrey pictures. He simply hung from his mistress's arm, and looked glum.

BUT from America comes the happiest sign of all—the gift of a child's set of plastic blocks containing the 26 letters of the alphabet. Printed on the outside of the box it says: "SPELLS HUNDREDS OF WORDS!"

NOW to blow away the froth—one man's four-star recipe for spotting the person unsuited for high position. There is a clue there, see if you can spot the speaker:

Often he remarked that he could get 1,000 men to do detailed work, but too many were useless in responsible posts because they left to him the necessity of making every decision.

"He had nothing but scorn for any man who attempted to do everything himself—he believed that the man who worked himself to batter on minor details had no ability to handle the more vital issues....

"Another type he disliked was the confused firmness and strength with truculent personality—the man who bad manners and deliberate discourtesy.

Who was? General GEORGE MARSHALL—and the portrait is by General EISENHOWER in his book "Crusade in Europe."

THE Liberals have apparently decided to do battle among themselves. That way, someone is bound to win something.

Chief protagonists are the two leading women in the party: LADY MEGAN LLOYD GEORGE and LADY VIOLET BONHAM-CARTER.

It was feared that the book audience of Victorian days would not approve such full-blooded descriptions.

And so the original William Hickey remained unpublished until 1913.

CARTER, Both want the new job of deputy-chairman. Each thinks it will be a disaster if the other gets it.

There is personality as well as politics behind the fight.

Lady Violet opposes Lady Megan because she thinks she leans too far to the Left. But she opposes her for the mannerisms peculiar to her. When he was alive, the Wrights had a running feud with his co-liberal, the EARL OF OXFORD. Lady Violet has never forgotten it. She is the Earl of Oxford's daughter.

ACTRESS FLORENCE DESMOND, who has left again for her third American trip in four months, has a headache. Our best-known public party-giver is crossing her brow over the sort of problem that besets the successful hostess—namely, the guest list needs revising.

To Dossie's famous Hollywood Party (whether it has been held on the West End or provincial stage or a New York night-club) the same people have now been coming for 15 years. (Loud laughter.)

Wherever Miss Desmond goes, BETTE DAVIS, MARLENE DIETRICH, CLAUDETTE COLBERT, TALLULAH, too—string along. Miss Desmond is herself not getting tired of their company. She fears we are.

"But what," says she sadly, "does an impersonator do when she can find no one new to impersonate?" Her recent Palladium reappearance in her first one here for three years was a great success.

A loyal friend said: "How nice to see you back—and with the same old act, too?"

In her Bayswater flat Dossie ticked over the list of screen and stage names for a likely addition to the Desmond collection of good-tempored sayings.

"When I was in Hollywood," she explained, "I had a good look round. I studied RITA HAYWORTH, BETTY GRABLE, LANA TURNER. Certainly those girls have got something, but what they've got won't come over in a parody."

"And on the more serious side, Academy Award winners are no use to me—I need personalities with recognisable mannerisms and tricks of voice."

And take the British bunch. How does one "do" MARGARET LOCKWOOD's fixed film-star grin?

Among the SUSAN SHAW and PAT ROCES is there any quality that could be picked up and amplified so that a music-hall audience would recognise the impersonation?

Miss Desmond sighed. "Well," she said: "I added BETTY HUTTON to the list recently... and for America there's always HILDEGARDE."

And when the inquirers have been told that there is no such list, they have been frankly incredulous.

For if you want to know any of the top incomes in the U.S. you can get the information pretty easily from the income tax administration in Washington.

LONDON Town herself is having her face-lifted. None too soon—for it is a sad thing to see a lovely woman (or a lovely city) letting her looks slide.

From Kensington to Kensington, from the rich frontiers of Mayfair to the Mile End-round, the scaffolds are out. The Law Courts is the last on the list.

Pavements are also spruced.

And a wire fence is going up between Piccadilly and Green Park, which should make the grass look the right colour in spring instead of shabby and dowdroned as it does now.

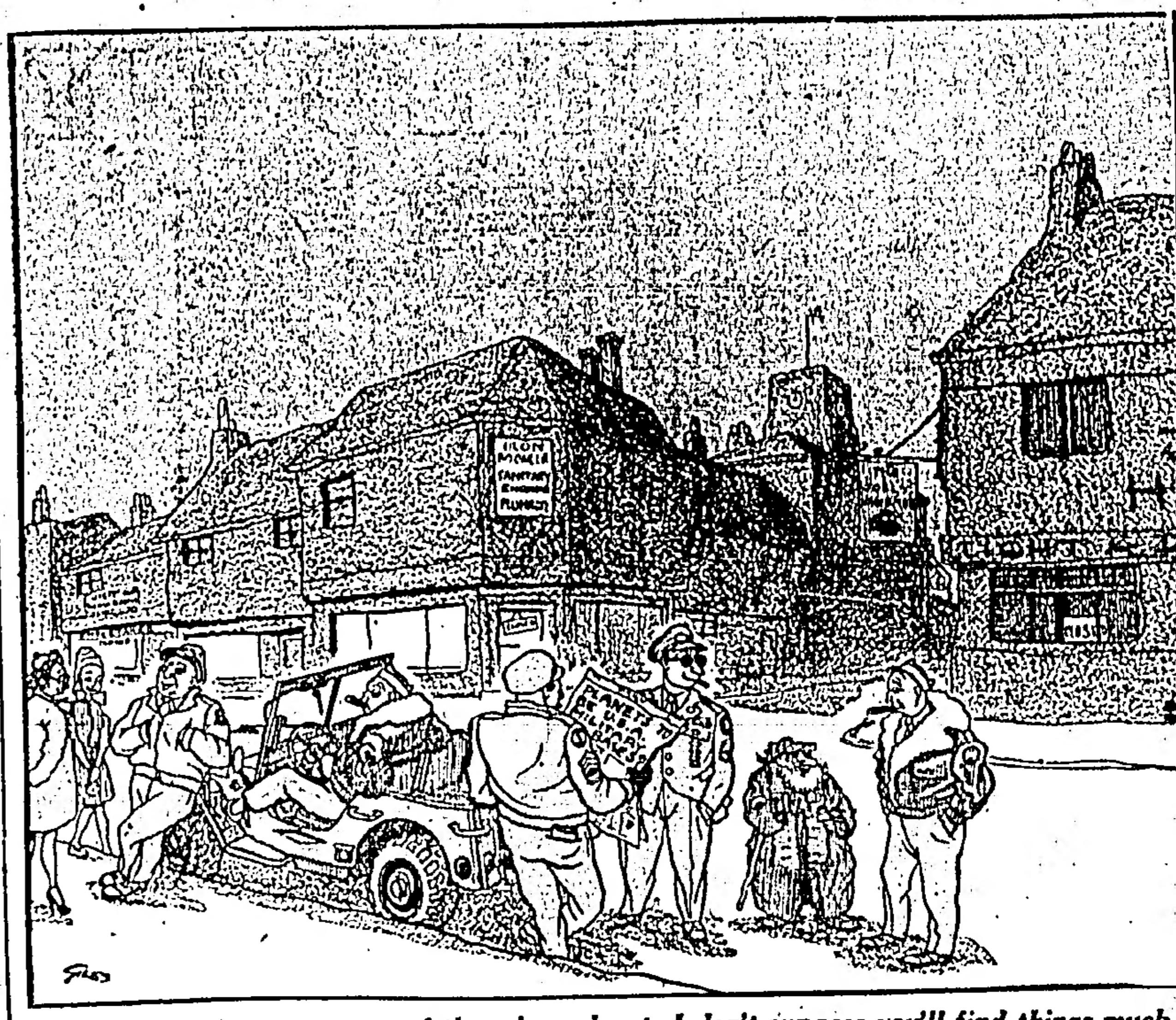
WHISTLER would not find much to paint on Cheltenham Embankment now. Yet the quiet beauty of his day could so easily be restored. To begin with, a few panes of glass in the Embankment pedestal lamps—with, of course, some bulbs in them, too:

Alas, the lovely houses in Carlton House-terrace are still in wretched state. Their stucco has peeled; their barred windows peer brokenly on to the Mall, the same Mall where exactly 200 years ago WILLIAM HICKEY ONE (illustrious eponym of this columnist) was born.

He wrote "The Memoirs of William Hickey"—Frank, Denzil, Swift's accounts of his travels, his adventures, his loves—in the early 18th century. But they stayed in manuscript form.

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"If they station you on one of these 'ere planets I don't suppose you'll find things much quieter than our village."

UNKNOWN MEN OF MILLIONS

By BERNARD HARRIS

ONE of the things about Britain which puzzle Americans is that our income tax authorities do not publicise our millionaires.

He could not miss young Sir JOHN ELLERMAN, who was left £10 million by his shipowner father 15 years ago, and is reputed to have doubled it by prudent management.

Among the self-made millionaires he would spot HARRY FERGUSON, 62-year-old Ulsterman, who ranks among the world's leading tractor manufacturers, and the Moores brothers, whose fortune is derived from the weekly 1-2-X of the football pool punters.

The name is Owen

But, scattered round Britain, are a number of people who can rival any of these for wealth, and yet are hardly known outside their immediate circle.

Outside, the "black country" the name Owen may not mean a great deal. But in Birmingham it is synonymous with great wealth.

At the beginning of 1930, 21-year-old Cambridge undergraduate Alfred Owen cut short his university career to take control of a big engineering business.

No one knows

Somerset House contents reflect with telling the world that 35 million people in Britain have an income of £100,000 or more. But no one inside that gloomy building in London's Strand knows the names of all the 55.

The statistical division dealing with surtax is divided into sections.

Someone may know of two people with the initial letter "A" who are in the £100,000-a-year class, but he does not know of any whose name starts with a different letter.

The figure of 55 is arrived at by adding two "A's," one "B," three "C's," and so on, without disclosing their identity to the compiler of the total.

Today, at their main Birmingham works, giant presses stamp out anything from motorcar chassis and wheels to baths, kitchen sinks, and office filing cabinets.

Obvious names

More than 20 subsidiary and associated companies are scattered over Britain.

City experts value the Rubery Owen empire at around £8 million. But when I asked Mr Alfred Owen if he was thinking of selling, he said: "It's going to stay in the family."

He, brother Ernest, and their mother, who is one of the directors, must today rank among Britain's wealthiest families.

But their joint income, after tax, has taken its toll, goes back for the most part into the business which started with £1,000.

Had big ideas

Between them they hold a controlling interest in the £2,070,000 capital and rank high on the income lists at Somerset House.

Still chairman is their 77-year-old father, John Benjamin Salisbury, who took over a flourishing business which his own father had started in a little Drury-lane shop back in 1869 with his £100 savings.

Business brothers

Scarcely one of the 1,000,000 housewives who go each week to a Salisbury shop for their rations knows that the brains behind the business are two brothers, 40-year-old Alan and 42-year-old Robert Salisbury.

Between them they hold a controlling interest in the £2,070,000 capital and rank high on the income lists at Somerset House.

Then there is A. V. Bridgland, sturdy, forthright, Australian-born property expert, who began his business career after the 1914-18 war.

He had no money in those days, but now he helps to run a dozen property-owning companies, and his wealth is reckoned at about £1½ million.

A family secret

The value of the business today is a family secret. My guess? Anything from £5 million to £10 million.

One of the Sainsbury rules is that shares may be held only by direct descendants of the founder or their husbands' or wives'. One day death duties may alter that—but not yet.

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NO DUTCH COMMENT ON RUMOURS OF INDONESIAN CHANGE

Batavia, Feb. 3.—Dutch officials declined yesterday to confirm or deny a report that the Netherlands is discussing immediate establishment of a United States of Indonesia.

Stories about such discussions are circulating widely here and a reliable Dutch source at The Hague said on Tuesday that such a step is being considered. If so, would be a major change in Dutch policy, which has so far insisted on a period of interim government under Dutch control.

Union Jack Again In Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Feb. 3.—The Union Jack was flown in the Jewish part of Jerusalem today for the first time since the end of the British mandate on May 15 last year.

A Rolls Royce flying the British flag drove from the old city across the demarcation lines into the new city carrying the British Consul, Gen. Sir Hugh Dow, paid an official visit to the Israeli authorities in Jerusalem.

The visit was intended to mark the establishment of new relations between Britain and Israel.

Gen. Dow also called at the American Consulate which is situated in the new city, and later lunched with the French Consul.

Preparations for his visit were kept secret on the Jewish side to prevent any hostile anti-British demonstration.—Associated Press.

Kidnapped By Gun-Runners

Schooner Skipper's Amazing Story

Los Angeles, Feb. 3—Detectives are investigating the story of a schooner's captain that he was kidnapped in the harbour here and forced to run arms into Mexican waters for Israeli forces.

Richard Hood, the local head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said his office was conducting enquiries but would give no details.

Leland Lewis, the owner of the 60-foot schooner, Idaia, said six armed men boarded his ship and forcibly landed a cargo of aircraft machine guns and ammunition. He claimed he was then ordered to sail for Mexican waters.

The Idaia was met off Acapulco, South Mexico, by a boat on to which the cargo was transferred, he said, adding that the leader of the gang told him the cargo was for the Israeli forces.

Lewis said he later boarded an aircraft and flew back to Los Angeles to report to the police.—Reuter.

FIGHTS WOLVES WITH AXE

Gaff Topsail, Newfoundland, Feb. 3.—Railway section foreman Martin Pike told how he fought off eight wolves with an axe on a lonely stretch of railway between Gaff Topsail and Gaff Topsail.

Gaff Topsail is on the high plateau of central Newfoundland. No wolves had been reported seen in Newfoundland for 30 years until recently when one was shot near here.

Pike said the wolves circled him for some time before attacking. He kept swinging his double-bladed axe and finally drove off the animals. He reached home unharmed.—Associated Press.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Are you sure it's only the mumps, doctor? So many things this year the experts have been wrong about!"

1948 US Road Toll Lowest On Record

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Accidents killed 38,000 persons and injured one out of every 14 persons in the United States in 1948, yet it was the safest year on record, the National Safety Council reported today.

The number of persons suffering disabling injuries totalled 10,300,000. Property and personal loss from accidents was estimated at US\$7,200,000,000.

Accidents in homes were the nation's No 1 killer, causing 34,500 deaths. Traffic accidents killed 32,900.

Five fatal accidents occurred on scheduled domestic airlines during 1948, killing 98 persons. The passenger death rate was 1.4 per 100,000 passenger miles, while the 1947 rate was 3.2.—United Press.

L. J. M. Beel, Representative of the Netherlands in Indonesia, hinted in a letter to Federalist leaders on Monday about the discussions when he used the new term, "Republic of the United States of Indonesia."

He told Federalists that Republican leaders "are regarded as government officials of the Republic, the status of which will be dependent on the will of the population, taking into account the principle of equality of member states within the framework of the Republic of the United States of Indonesia."

The United Nations Security Council last week, as a result of the Dutch "police action" against the Indonesian Republicans, recommended elections to create a United States of Indonesia and transfer of sovereignty by the Dutch to the new regime by July 1, 1950.

Dutch officials previously termed the future government as first an "interim" federal government and eventually a "United States of Indonesia." They never used the term "Republic of the United States of Indonesia."

United Nations Commission members declined comment, saying they had not been notified of any new moves.

Republican sources said they see in the plan an attempt to circumvent the United Nations by saying the interim government has been skipped, while actually only the name would be changed.—Associated Press.

TWIN MONSTROSITIES

London, Feb. 3.—Mr. Winston Churchill said yesterday that the Dutch were "striving resolutely to rescue true progress in Indonesia from the twin monstrosities of Anarchy and Communism."

Britain's wartime Prime Minister also proposed a Supreme Court of Europe to defend the United Nations' declaration of human rights.

"These aspirations, shared by hundreds of millions of men in Europe, cannot be achieved with the action of government," the former Prime Minister said.

"There must be a European Supreme Court to which breaches in the declaration of human rights, so majestically proclaimed at Paris by powers great and small, can be referred, and by which human rights can be defended."

Mr Churchill was speaking at a Guildhall ceremony where he received the Hugo Grotius medal of the Dutch Society for International Relations.—Associated Press.

Train Blown Up In Taiwan

Taiwan

Taipei, Feb. 3.—Five passengers were injured, two seriously, when an outbound train from Taipei struck an explosive charge on the evening of January 23, the Taiwan Railway Administration has disclosed.

The train was approaching a bridge on its way to Shihlin, a town in the suburb of Taipei, when the mishap happened.

All five injured were rushed to the Railway Hospital. Two of the victims were still not out of danger.

Meanwhile, investigations are under way to trace the cause of the explosion and sabotage has been suggested by many local papers.—Associated Press.

Suicide After Killing Children

London, Feb. 3.—A 30-year-old Indian woman, Mrs Alma Beck, murdered her four children and committed suicide "while the state of her mind was disturbed," an inquest jury decided at Epsom, Surrey, today.

Mrs Beck and her children, all under five years of age, were found last Monday when neighbours called the police after noticing that the bottles had not been taken from the doorstep of their home at Ewell, near Epsom.

Her husband, a regular soldier in the Royal Engineers, said he married the woman when she was a nurse in India in 1943. They came to Britain in 1945 because of the ill-health of his son.

His wife was anxious about the boy's health and worried about accommodation. "She suffered badly from childlessness and was affected by the cold," he said.—Reuter.

CATHOLIC PRIEST DIES IN BLAZE

Mount Clemens, Michigan, Feb. 3.—The Reverend Thomas Barry, a Catholic priest, was killed and five nuns and 25 guests fled to safety in freezing cold as a fire swept through St. Joseph Sanitarium here shortly after 1 a.m. today.

Father Barry was found dead in his room by firemen, apparently suffocated by smoke.—Reuter.

COMPLETE WITH A SYDNEY ACCENT?

Sydney, Australia, Feb. 3.—As part of the government plan to teach English to 12,000 migrants from displaced persons camps in Europe, the Australian Broadcasting System will broadcast lessons five days a week. Written exercises are to be sent in by listeners for correction in the PWD for one score to lend.

SPARY CONTINUES HIS EVIDENCE

Denies Knowledge Of Govt. Materials Being Used For CPA Work

(Continued from Page 1)

Can you recall the name of the man who rang you up?—When I said "the same man rang me up," I meant the voice, was similar. That's all I can remember.

Did you know anybody by name in the CPA?—No, only Harris. I had met some of the officials at the Club, but I did not know their names.

Did you tell Inspector Johnson or Inspector MacPherson that you would make an effort to find this man?—After I was on call outside the Kowloon Magistracy, I had a recollection that I mentioned to Inspector MacPherson that I would try and find out the name of the man who rang me up from the CPA, Kai Tak.

What was your object?—In view of the statement I made in answer to the question by Inspector Johnson, I wanted to find out who it was.

In other words, to corroborate your statement?—Exactly. What did you do about this?—I rang up CPA and asked to speak to Harris. The man who answered the phone told me he was out and he asked who was calling. I told him Mr Spary and that I would ring later.

Did you ring later?—I rang up later and Harris came to the phone and I asked him if he could recall his conversation at the Cricket Club.

Would it be possible for you to remember how long a time had elapsed between the conversation at the KCC and the telephone call? Was it a period of weeks?—Quite a long time, probably a month.

VERY ABRUPT

What took place over the telephone?—He said "What conversation?" He was very abrupt. I reminded him that the contractor had not been paid. His reply was "I don't remember." I said "Bitter you do remember."

Why did you say that?—I wanted him to give the truth of my statement to Inspector Johnson.

Did you know at that time that Harris had been seen by the Police?—No, I was not aware of it.

You say you said to him "Better you do remember". Were those your exact words?—My exact words.

I remember I was very angry.

Why were you angry?—At the abruptness of his conversation in general.

Did the conversation continue?—No. It stopped there. I heard the receiver going down.

Supposing that he replied that he did remember, what would you have done?—I would have asked him if he could find out and let me know the name of the person who had phoned me up.

What would be your purpose in obtaining the name of that person?—Just to corroborate my statement.

Now, you have seen from Harris' statement that he has said "in his deposition that the words you used were "Better you don't remember," Are you prepared to swear here and now that the words you used on the telephone were "Better you do remember"? Is that your statement?—Yes, I have no reason to conceal anything as I had already made a statement to the Police.

You know the allegation is that a certain job—a very extensive job apparently—was done on the CPA premises and Government materials were used. Government workmen were employed and you were aware of this. Did you know anything at all about this?—No.

NO KNOWLEDGE

Do you know anything about Government materials having been used on that job?—No.

Do you know anything about Government men having been used on that job?—No.

Did you ever receive any money in any form from anybody connected with the CPA?—No.

Apart from the one instance in which you have said that you mentioned to Kwoi Kwong that the contractor had ceased work, or had been told by the CPA that he had ceased work, did you ever discuss this matter with Kwoi Kwong?—No. That was the only reference.

You have had considerable experience in the PWD. You know from the evidence that has been given in this Court that the quantity of materials used on the CPA was quite considerable, if the story is true. In your opinion could these materials have been taken out of Government stores at Hung Hom, or for that matter from Wanchai, without a deficiency appearing on various jobs in hand?—Yes.

Can you say from your experience and your knowledge of the working of the PWD that had these materials been used or misused by this time, some six months after the beginning of this case, that such a deficiency must inevitably appear in Government jobs in hand?—Yes.

To the present day, do you know, or has it been told to you, that any deficiency has appeared in any Government job?—No.

Spary was then referred back to the ninth count, in which he is alleged to have stolen 10 fluorescent lamps. He said he didn't claim the fact that those lamps had been taken from the Wanchai workshop.

Giving his version of that case, Spary said that Kwoi Kwong, one morning asked him if he could let him have 10 fluorescent lights on a temporary loan. It was a custom in the PWD for one store to lend

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Elephant Charges A Train

Colombo, Ceylon, Feb. 3.—Even the train wrecks are different here. Half an hour out of Trincomalee, a bull elephant charged the night mail train.

Result: the cow-catcher and buffer were doubled up and a vacuum pipe smashed. It took 30 minutes to get the train going again.

The elephant was killed.—Associated Press.

Viscount Allenby Divorced

London, Feb. 3.—Viscount Allenby was today granted a divorce decree in London against his husband, Viscount Allenby, nephew of Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, the conqueror of Palestine and the leading figure in the Middle East during and after the first world war.

The second Viscount Allenby succeeded his uncle in the Peerage in 1936. He did not defend the divorce action.—Reuter.

TOMORROW'S LEAGUE CRICKET

AN AFTERNOON OF BLOOD MATCHES

By "RECODER"

The lackadaisical attitude has dropped out of nearly all the League cricket teams and tomorrow afternoon's programme will be one of the most keenly fought of the year.

Recreo will be out at Cox's Path to prove to the KCC that it was a fluke that produced the upset of the year and the KCC will be out to prove that it wasn't.

That will be a match to watch. So will be the Chater Road affair between the Scorpions and the Optimists. They drew last time. This time both sides will be all out for a win.

How this can be accomplished unless the Optimists are sent in first and dismissed for a very low score defies all speculation.

The Optimists will need all their bowlers at their best. They will also need Pearce and Howarth at their worst.

WITH GRITTED TEETH

The Recreos' batting will have to prove that KCC's most unpredictable bowling, Will Zimmerman, Robbie Lee, Taylor or Davidson click? One may prove enough again to upset the applecart.

Recreo will go in to bat with gritted teeth. The loss of a third wicket has meant for them, more than once, disaster. It is always 160 for two wickets or a hundred odd and all out.

It is not Recreos' lack of batting strength that produces this remarkable development but the spirit that loss of a third wicket puts into their opponents.

Even lowly-placed Craigengower came near enough pulling off the trick at the Valley the last time they entertained Recreos.

WILL THE INDIANS DO IT?

Of much interest to Recreos as their own match against the KCC is the performance that the Indian Recreation Club turn up against Army.

Most of our cricketers who have played against the KCC agreed that their batting side could not worth 200 runs. I have a feeling that last week's loss to the Navy will put the KCC's back up and that they will be out to turn the tables on the League leaders after having bowed to the League's fall-enders.

Army has strong bowling, as we all know, and good batting on occasion but seldom at Sookkunpo. Away from home, the Indians are better than they are on their own wicket. All we can do is wait and see.

OTHER MATCHES

Craigengower visit Royal Navy at Chin's Park for the return match against the only team they have beaten in a League match this season.

Navy will not be at full strength, but should be able to put up a fair game.

University meet the RAF, venue unknown as yet. This should be a close match with odds on the undergraduates.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Plts
Army	12	8	3	1	35
Recreo	13	8	3	2	35
Optimists	12	6	3	3	27
Scorpions	12	6	2	4	26
University	13	5	4	4	24
KCC	12	4	4	4	20
R.A.F.	9	2	4	3	12
I.R.C.	11	2	3	6	11
Craigengower	11	1	2	8	6
Royal Navy	11	1	2	8	6

CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent the KCC in a cricket match against the CBA on the KCC ground on Sunday at 2 p.m.:

S.A. Gray, R. Leigh, M. Wood, P. Kennedy, D. Hulsey-Jones, F. Cosgrove, E. Lawrence, J. A. Tibble, E. Randall, S. C. Trueman. Reserves: A. J. Wood & A. V. White.

WAYFOONG

The following will play cricket for Wayfoong against KCC on Sunday, on the Hongkong Cricket Club, starting at 11.15 a.m.—P. C. Black, G. A. Souza, R. S. Ramchand, P. J. Billimoria, T. A. Crabtree, A. H. Ismail, J. Franco, R. Tay, R. Youngsye, W. H. Sling, A. M. Omar.

SCORPIONS

The following will represent the Scorpions in their League match against the Optimists on Saturday—O. J. Kerr, L. H. Stokes, T. A. Pearce, J. J. E. Richardson, R. Howarth, N. Macleod, F. Gee, J. D. Clague, Twelfth man, R. H. Hughes; scorer, A. P. Weir.

Badminton League

Chung Wah beat the RAF by nine games to all in a "B" Division Badminton League match played at Kai Tak on Wednesday.

Scores were:

C. F. Chiu and Charles Lam (Chung Wah) beat F/O. Neill and Sgt. McLeod 21-3; beat F/Sgt. McDonald and F/Lt. Cresslin 21-6; beat Cpl. Frazier and F/Lt. Griffin 21-17. K. F. Chiu and Austin Ho (Chung Wah) beat Neill and McLeod 21-2; beat McDonald and Cresslin 21-5; beat Frazier and Griffin 21-5.

Rugger Result

London, Feb. 3.—The following was the result of a Rugby Union match played today: Hospitals Cup: St. Thomas Hospital 10 King's College Hospital 0.—Reuter.

TEACH THEM GOLF AT SCHOOL



Professional Spencer Atwood with some of the boys of his "keen as mustard" class.

Schoolboys Get Golf Coaching

By ERIC PRAIN

Brigadier J. J. Harper, headmaster of Tissins Boys' School, Kingston-on-Thames, thinks that golf should be taught in school and a dozen of the boys from the senior school, between the ages of 15 and 18, get a weekly lesson from Spencer Atwood, professional at Home Park Golf Club.

Brigadier Harper gave up his appointment as Head of Education, Middle East Forces, two years ago to become headmaster of Tissins.

He arranged the golf class and on each Wednesday since then Atwood has given lessons.

At full the class total 15 and the fees are paid from the school sports fund.

Each boy receives three minutes personal coaching, after which he is at liberty to listen to instructions to the others, or to go off by himself to practise.

PROVIDES CLUBS

Few of the boys own clubs. Atwood provides these, and when the weather is bad he carries on with his teaching on a mat inside his shop.

"They're all as keen as mustard," he said, "and this is the time to learn, while the faculty for imitation is well developed."

Though some of his pupils show promise, he did not think he had

any champions or Walker Cup players in the making, but at least two of the boys in Atwood's class are distinguished in other spheres.

Seventeen-year-old David Mayers goes up to Trinity College, Cambridge, in October, with an open scholarship in mathematics.

Last year 15-year-old Michael Harvie won the schoolboys' boxing championship of England and Wales at 8 stone 5lb.

This year he is entering for the weight 10 stone 5lb.

"Are you going to play golf at Cambridge?" I asked Mayers. "Yes," he said, "if I can get some clubs."

To boxer Harvie I put the question: "Which shot in golf gives you the most trouble?"

He replied aptly: "The hook, of course."

United Press Selects The

Ten Greatest Sports Performances Of 1948

By CORNELIUS RYAN

The year 1948 ranked with the best of any past years in great sports performances, and perhaps was unequalled in the opinion of the United Press sports staff.

It was difficult to choose the "ten best performances," and so close was the voting and so heated the debate that it was decided it would be best not to try to list the top ten in a definite order, since all were outstanding feats and the varying demands of each sport made comparison unfair.

The UP selections as ten best performances were:

Charles Foville's unofficial world-record shot put of 58 feet one-quarter inch;

Harrison Dillard's victory in the Olympic 100-metre race;

Bob Mathias' triumph in the Olympic decathlon;

Sandy Saddler's knockout victory over Willie Pep to take the world featherweight boxing title;

Barbara Ann Scott's domination of world figure-skating;

Citation's "triple crown" victory in American horse-racing;

Ben Hogan's victories in the U.S. Open and the U.S. PGA tournaments, the most important gold tournaments of the year;

Fanny Blankers-Koen's four gold medals in the Olympics;

Richard Gonzales' five-set victory over Czech Jaroslav Drobný in the semi-finals of the U.S. National Lawn Tennis Championship; and

Herb McKenney's new—and still unofficial—world records in the 400 metres and 400-yard runs.

Four other sports performances just barely missed inclusion in the big ten.

Gil Dodds' world record 4:05.3 indoor mile;

Johnson surprisingly won Dickie O'Sullivan, one of England's leading flyweight, last month.

Rex Barney's no-hit baseball game, and

Pat Seerey's four home runs in one baseball game.

All the writers agreed that if the claims made for Nina Dumbarde of Russia are true, she easily wins recognition for the best performance of the year. The Russian official sports bulletin said that Miss Dumbarde tossed the discus 53.25 metres, or 174 feet eight inches.

Adolfo Consolini of Italy won the men's Olympic discus throw at 173 feet two inches, a new record.

However, since there was no confirmation of the Russian claim, the poll had to concentrate on feats of proven authenticity.

In this group of ten performances, five are new stars who reached fame for the first time in 1948, and all five—Foville, Mathias, Saddler, Citation, and Gonzales—may go on to real greatness.

All have the ability and the temperament. Citation already is

the year from a wide selection of the sports that are always with us, we have to be impartial to the game we most like to watch and pick, finally, on the personality whose contribution was the greatest, whose never-say-die spirit was set down in our annals as an example to the young.

The softball people will immediately nominate someone who has so many bling-bangs and the reporters of our biggest sport—which is, after all, football—will right away vote for Weatherall or Tang Yee-ki.

I would be tempted to pick on Frank Howarth for his on the field personality, a contribution toward brightening up local cricket that would be sorely missed if he weren't.

Who could have missed that exuberant glow of pure exuberance when he hit the Recreos' bowling about for 53 (not out at that) while other Scorpions were parading back and forth with the wicket and the pavilion?

But in selecting the sportsman of the year from a wide selection of the sports that are always with us, we have to be impartial to the game we most like to watch and pick, finally, on the personality whose contribution was the greatest, whose never-say-die spirit was set down in our annals as an example to the young.

When we so select, there can be little argument that our Sportsman of the Year was anyone else but that great-hearted distance swimmer, Chan Chun-nam.

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As we note him down for the best performance of the year, we have to couple with him someone who would have stood out head and shoulders above anybody were it not for Chan.

That is Wilfred Lawrence, the Captain of Hongkong's swimming team, who at an age when many

are still two vacant places for the first ten. Nominations with citations are welcome from readers of this column. Reminders would particularly be appreciated where someone has been missed whose contribution to the spirit and popularity of his own sport has been a sufficiently large one to deserve particular notice.

"RECODER".

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP

Luck Of The Draw To The Favourites

London, Feb. 3.—The luck of the draw for the Fifth Round of the Football Association Cup, which is to be played on February 12, has gone to the favourites—and Yeovil Town, the non-League "giant-killers" of the competition.

Portsmouth, Derby County, Wolverhampton, Blackpool or Stoke, and Manchester United, providing they beat Bradford in their re-play, will all have some advantage.

Yeovil, have been drawn away from home, but are just as delighted because they meet either Manchester United or Bradford. Manchester United are still favourites for the Cup, and if they win their re-play, Yeovil could not wish for better opponents from a financial point of view.

On form, Yeovil cannot be considered to beat, or even draw, with the United, who are considered the best football team in the country, but they would have the opportunity of showing their paces against the Cup holders and, presuming that a capacity crowd was present, considerably enrich the club's coffers.

For the United-Bradford fourth round match at Maine Road, over 80,000 were present and the receipts totalled around £7,000. Yeovil's percentages of such a gate would amount to about £3,000.

POMEPEY'S HOPES

Portsmouth's second favourites have their third home game in succession, this time against Huddersfield or Newport. In 1939 when they beat Wolverhampton in the final, Portsmouth had four home matches and beat Huddersfield in the semi-final.

They have hopes of winning both the Cup and League Championships, but, although they are playing well, many critics feel that they are not quite capable of completing the double and are more likely to win the Championship, which would be for the first time.

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Philippines Clarify New Import Rules

Manila, Feb. 3.—The Philippine government has clarified new luxury import rules applied to textiles. Amendments were made in response to petitions by foreign traders.

Importers claimed that the regulations were vague in setting quotas on textiles and requiring that they be brought into the country only with special licences.

Orders made effective on January 1 said the rate of importation would be reduced 50 percent in

woven fabrics, household articles and other textile manufacturers, and 30 percent in ready-made wearing apparel.

Textiles of flax, linen, wool, silk, nylon, rayon and other synthetic materials were considered as non-essentials. All manufactures were included except threads, yarns, twines, fishing nets and other articles for industrial purposes.

In response to petitions, the government's Import Control Board specifically defined items included in each class. They are as follows:

WOVEN FABRICS: Textiles and manufacturers of flax, linen, wool, silk, nylon, rayon and other synthetic materials; Cloth, knitted and not knitted; remnants, tapestries, fulled and veiling.

READY-MADE WEARING APPAREL: All materials, including cotton; Inner—Nightgowns, petticoats, polo shirts, shirts and slips. Outer—Bathrobes, blouses, coats, dresses, jackets, kimonos, lounging robes, overalls, pajamas, pants, slippers, skirts, slacks, sun suits and trousers.

HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES: Bath mats, bed sheets and pillow cases, blankets, curtains and draperies, mosquito nets, quilts, counterpanes, bedspreads, table cloths, towels, table linen or covers, doilies, napkins and table runners.

OTHER MANUFACTURES: (If cotton, not subject to control); Carpets, embroideries, handkerchiefs, laces, umbrellas and veils.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

This morning's turnover on the Stock Exchange was \$582,000.00. Transactions and noon prices:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES BANKS

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1000 6 13.80

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1000 6 15.70

C. Light (N) 11.70 12 500 6 13.70

3300 6 13.70

500 6 13.70

Electric 40 41 200 6 40%

3200 6 41

United Press

N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Closing Prices Feb. 3

Argentine Peso (Official) US\$0.2077

Argentine Peso (Unofficial) 2.003

Australia 3.214½

Brasil 0.0287

Bulgaria 0.0287½

Canada 0.21

Chile 0.2030

England 4.024

France 0.0311½

India 2.024

Mexico 1.450

New Zealand 4.02

Peru 0.0270

Portugal 0.0404

South Africa 4.03½

Sweden 2.785

Switzerland 2.510

Venezuela 2.010

Netherlands 2.770

Batavia 3.775

Colombia 4.750

Hongkong 2.500

Shanghai 2.715

United Press

Rubber Market

Quiet, Steady

New York, Feb. 3.—Number I contract rubber futures today closed six to 10 points lower on sales totalling 34 contracts.

Standard contract futures closed nominally 20 points lower.

The market was quietly steady until the final hour when prices eased through lack of interest.

Prices closed as follows:

No. I Contract Rubber Futures

March 16.80 nominal

April 16.80 nominal

May 16.72 nominal

June 16.62 "

July 16.57-6

August 16.50

September 16.40 bid

October 16.35 nominal

November 16.35 "

December Standard Contract Rubber Futures

March 16.92 nominal

April 16.82 nominal

May 16.75 nominal

United Press

LONDON MARKET

London, Feb. 3.—Prices in the rubber market here today closed as follows:

March (in pence per lb.) 11.11/10

April/June 11.50/10

July/September United Press

NEW YORK METAL MARKET

New York, Feb. 3.—The following prices were quoted in the scrap metal market here today:

Copper F.O.B. per ton US\$1625-1675

Lead F.O.B. per ton (heavy soft) 17.00-17.50

Steel F.O.B. per ton (No. 1 heavy smelting) 33.00-35.00

United Press

West German Steel Output's Big Rise

Frankfurt, Feb. 3.—West German steel and iron production in 1948 far exceeded the 1947 figure, Anglo-American officials reported.

They said the output of ingot steel rose 82 percent. Rolled steel 72 percent and pig iron 104 percent.

Production of ingot steel in 1948 totalled 9,370,404 tons, rolled steel, 3,617,672 and pig iron 4,800,918 tons.—Associated Press.

Cheap Clothes As Incentive

Tokyo, Feb. 3.—General MacArthur's headquarters has told 1,000,000 Japanese workers that they will be allowed to buy shoes and clothing at cheap official prices as an incentive toward greater production.

Previously 5,500,000 Japanese in coal mining and farming occupations had been given this privilege. Now the programme will be extended to iron and steel, chemical, metal mining and freight workers.—Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local un-

official exchange market this morning at

7. Sterling pound note (per £1) 15.50

U.S. dollar (per \$1) 5.150

Gold bars (per tael) 319.00

GIC (gold) (per 100) 8.18

Bank notes (per 100) 30.00

NEC gold bars (per 100) 31.00

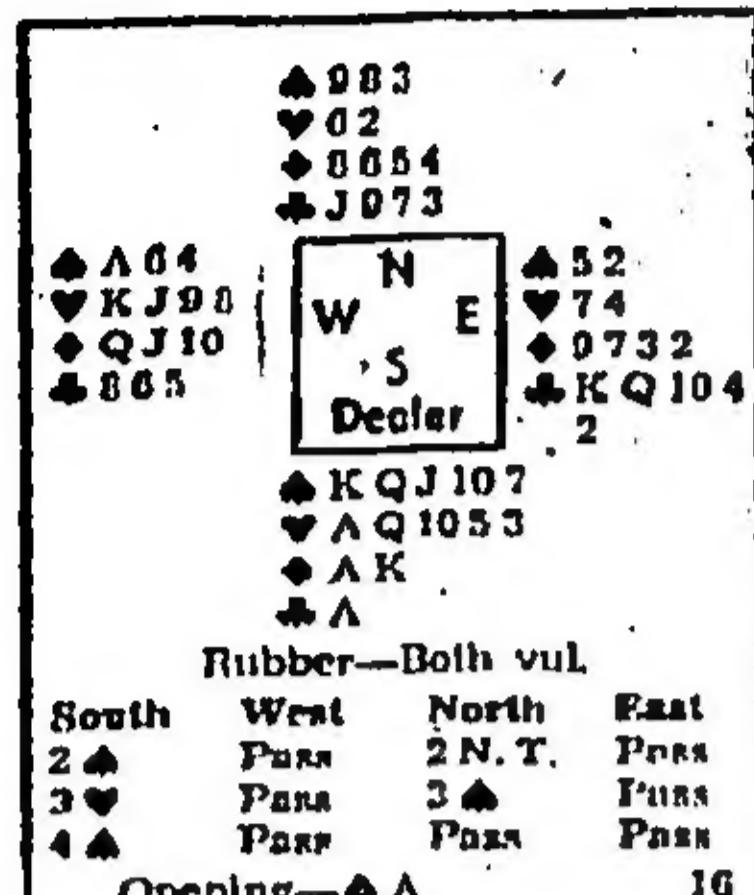
Gold yuan (per yuan) 0.007

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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Trump Leads Kill Ruffing In Dummy



BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

OPENING leads play a very important part in contract bridge. As I have said before, do not lead "from strength" and do not follow the old adage, "When in doubt, lead trump." Generally a trump should be led only when the bidding indicated that declarer probably will want to do some ruffing in dummy.

First a word about the bidding of today's hand. South has a two-suiter, which is the type of hand on which you want to get to game. Therefore, South should open the bidding with a two-bid.

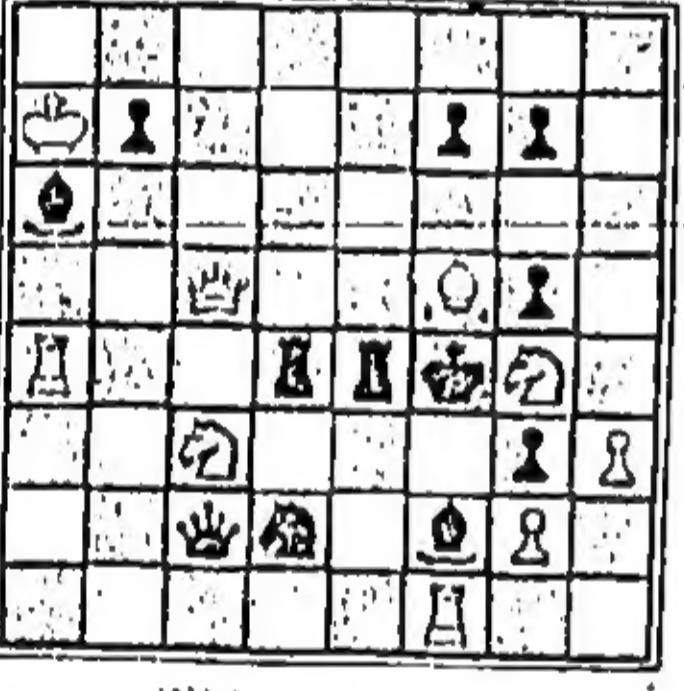
We should realize from the bidding that declarer will have some heart losers which he will want to ruff in dummy. Therefore, a trump lead is a very fine opening on this hand. With the normal opening of the queen of diamonds, South will make his contract easily.

West opens the ace of spades and continues with a small spade which declarer wins with the king. He cashes the rest of hearts and then leads a small heart. West wins this trick and returns the third spade. Now it is impossible for South to make his contract as his ruffing possibilities have been killed by West's spade leads. In addition to the ace of spades, declarer also must lose three heart tricks.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. ELLERMAN

Black, 12 pieces



White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

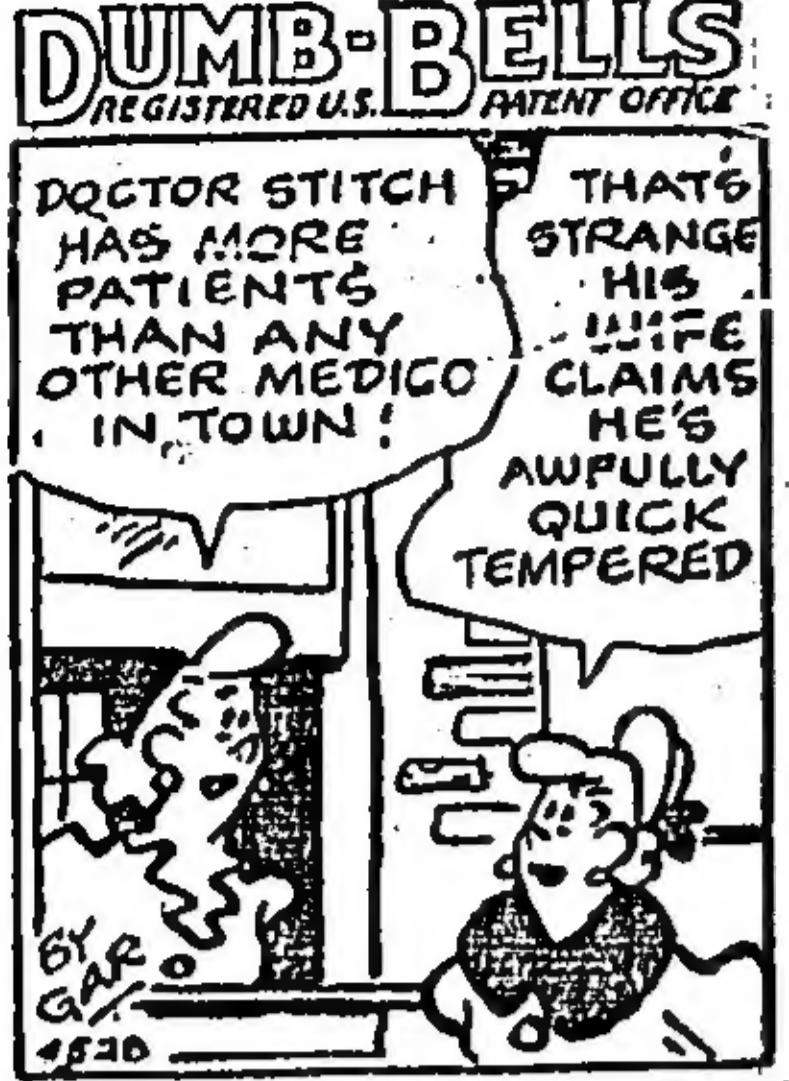
1. Q-R6, any; 2. Q or Kt mates.

CROSSWORD

Solution of yesterday's puzzle: Across: 1. Sounds like a doctor talking of his patients' departure. (10) 2. Not contrary to the nature of things. (6) 3. An echo may be said to do this. (7) 4. Leaves the abbey? (4) 5. What a joke it can be! (4) 6. Division of a three measure verse. (10) 7. A long, driving caress. (10) 8. A lonely abode. (4) 9. End a cleric that way. (4) 10. Mated without the doctor. (4)

Down: 1. A red, the Duchess and Little Beaver tortured by thirst. (10) 2. The reason for broken mites. (4) 3. Division of a three measure verse. (10) 4. Tenor. (4) 5. A long, driving caress. (10) 6. A lonely abode. (4) 7. End a cleric that way. (4) 8. Mated without the doctor. (4)

1. Acrostic procedure. 2. Alder. 3. Follow. 4. Draw up. 5. Not contrary to the nature of things. 6. Division of a three measure verse. 7. Tenor. 8. A long, driving caress. 9. End a cleric that way. 10. Mated without the doctor.



UNUSUAL ANGLES:

WAR RULED OUT IN HER PREDICTIONS FOR 1949

By RENE BALBAUD

A slight blonde girl looked into the author's apartment just off the Champs Elysees in Paris and predicted the following events for 1949:

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TRUMAN'S BLUNT "NO" TO

STALIN

Won't Hold Talks Outside Washington

Washington, Feb. 3.—President Truman said bluntly today that he would not meet with Russia outside the United Nations nor would he go to Eastern Europe to discuss a no-war pledge with Stalin.

Mr Truman repeated a statement he had made many times before—that he would not meet Stalin behind the Iron Curtain or elsewhere outside the United States, but that he would be happy to welcome the Russian leader any time Stalin wished to come here.

The President's news conference statement came only 24 hours after the Secretary of State's declaration quelling Stalin's so-called "peace bid" and accusing Stalin of playing international politics with global hopes for peace.

ONLY WITHIN UN

Mr Truman repeatedly referred to Mr Acheson's statement and said the Secretary had made it after consultation with him.

He firmly reiterated that the United States Government would not enter into discussions on the world situation with other powers if such discussions were proposed to be held outside the United Nations. As for Stalin's invitation, he pointed out that he had invited the Soviet leader here twice and would still welcome him. Stalin begged off each time for reasons of health.

President Truman said he had invited Stalin to the United States at the Potsdam conference and again later. He added that he felt it was as far as necessary for him to go.

A reporter then wanted to know what Mr Truman's attitude would be if Stalin would go to Alaska and the President said he had answered that question, apparently meaning Stalin would have to come to Washington.

POSITION RESTATED

The United States' position was also restated today by Mr Warren Austin, American Representative at the United Nations, who said after a meeting with Mr Truman that Russia's peace intentions should be measured by "conduct and deeds" rather than by Stalin's press interviews. He suggested that Russia's sincerity be measured by the Soviet attitude in the Security Council.

President Truman declined to discuss the Russian criticism of the forthcoming North Atlantic security pact, especially regarding the position taken by Norway in face of Soviet demands that she steer clear of the treaty.

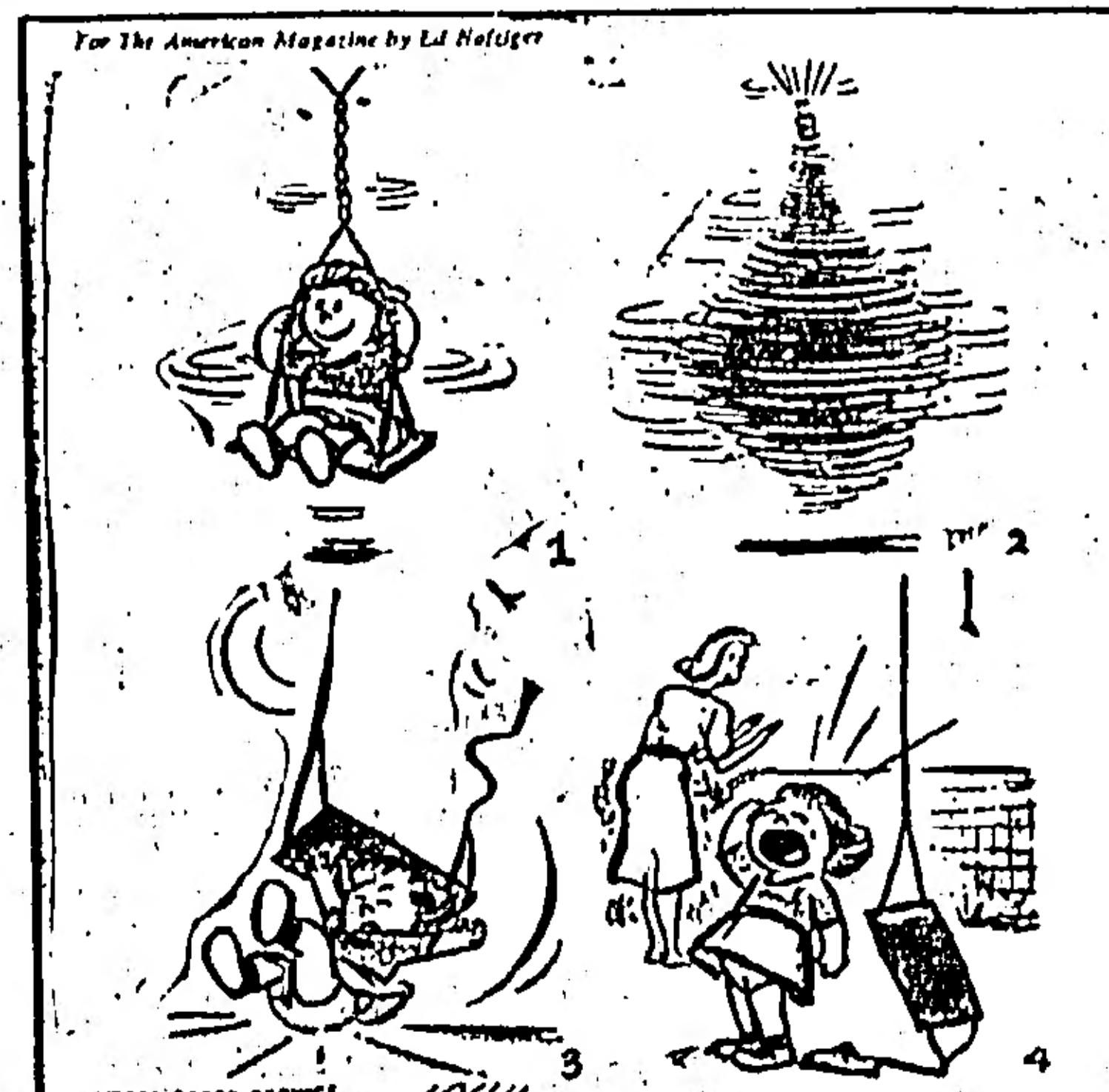
He said also that he had no intention now of transferring the administration of occupied Germany from the Army to the State Department.—United Press.

Thousands Of Livestock Saved

Chicago, Feb. 3.—The Army today announced that its vast "Operation Snowbound" had saved 150,000 head of livestock from starvation in three blizzard-stricken Western States. The Air Force's "Operation Hayride" saved thousands more.

The Fifth Army reported that its bulldozer assault on snow in Nebraska, Wyoming, and South Dakota also brought relief to 4,850 snowbound persons. The Army said in the past 24 hours bulldozer crews cleared 1,007 miles of road, enabling farmers and ranchers to move feed into areas where animals were stranded.

Throughout the blizzard area, however, there were still more than 5,000,000 sheep and cattle facing the possibility of starvation.—United Press.



"Somebody broke my swing!"



Dutch troops set up a machine gun post in a street in a Java town to cover advancing troops. Guerrilla activity in Java is now reported.—AP Picture.

Outpost In Java

Mr Belcher Resigns From Parliament

MAKES APPEAL TO OPPOSITION

London, Feb. 3.—Mr John Belcher resigned from Parliament today as a result of the findings of the Lynskey Tribunal which investigated alleged graft in high Government circles.

Mr Belcher, 43, announced his resignation to a hushed, somber House of Commons after the Attorney General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, had said no criminal action would be taken against any public servant connected with the investigation.

Sir Hartley said that "although there was prima facie evidence" that some civil servants were guilty of graft, he had been advised that this would be almost impossible to prove. He did not rule out future criminal action in the event that further evidence was supplied and said he had authorised civil proceedings against a minor official of the Board of Trade for alleged offences under the 1906 Prevention of Corruption Act.

The Attorney General said the position of Mr Sydney Stanley, key figure in the investigation, was "certainly still engaging the attention of the appropriate authorities."

MAY BE DEPORTED

The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, explained later that the Attorney General was seeking to deport Mr Stanley. He said that "the Home Secretary is satisfied, on conclusive evidence to public good, that Mr Stanley should leave this country and an approach is being made to the Polish authorities with a view to recognition of Mr Stanley as a Polish national and his removal from this country."

Mr Belcher, who had previously resigned as Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade and had given up honorary positions in various organisations, asked the opposition not to make political capital out of the investigation.

"We are all interested in this House in maintaining unity and the honour of our democratic institutions, and it would not be helpful if either side attempts to use this unfortunate episode in that way," said Mr Belcher.

He added that he was resigning because of the Tribunal findings, although he thought them unjust. He said he would be able to "live with my conscience for the rest of my life."

Mr Attlee then asked the House to accept the Lynskey report. The Opposition leader, Mr Winston Churchill, said the Conservatives would accept the report, but he add, "I regret to hear from the Attorney-General that he finds great difficulty in prosecuting some of these people, particularly the notorious figure of the so-called Stanley."

Stanley, who used many aliases in his business deals, figured prominently as a "contact man" between Government officials and businessmen.

Mr Belcher's resignation will necessitate a by-election in his constituency at Sowerby, Yorkshire.—United Press.

Referring to documents alleged to have been found in his cellar in a long cylindrical container, the Cardinal said it has been his habit always to preserve all documents.

HOLY CROWN

Much of the questioning which then followed dealt with the 1,000-year old holy crown of St Stephen which the Cardinal stated in court "belongs to the Hungarian nation" but which he said he had tried to keep outside the country since the end of the war.

The crown was taken from Hungary by the Germans.

Referring to the letters he had written to Mr Chaplin and other American officials, the Cardinal said these were of three different kinds.

The first two dealt with political questions and the disposition of the holy crown and included one in which he said he had asked for armed American intervention.

"I regret having sent out these," he told the court, "and in future I shall consider internal and external affairs in the light of the sovereignty of the Hungarian State as I have written in my letter to the Minister of Justice."

The Cardinal said the third group of letters concerned Hungarian prisoners of war in the Soviet Union.

"I could not but write these," he said. "I felt it to be a humanitarian task."—Reuter.

"FROG MAN" ON TRIAL AGAIN

Rome, Feb. 3.—The Italian "Frog man" who led a daring submarine sortie into Alexandria harbour during the war and put the British battleship, Valiant and Queen Elizabeth, out of action with Limpet mines, was again on trial in Rome on Thursday.

The Cardinal, dressed in a long black cassock of a simple priest, pointed with his right hand to emphasise his words. In the court room among the spectators was the Cardinal's sister as well as several Catholic priests from Budapest and the relatives of the other accused.

The Cardinal made his statement standing before a microphone in the centre of the court room. After one

year.—Associated Press.

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